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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.  
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☒ This application has been examined ☐ Responsive to communication filed on \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ This action is made final.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), \_\_\_\_\_ days from the date of this letter.  
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

- ☒ Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892.
- ☐ Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☒ Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152.
- ☐ Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474.
- ☒ *Reference*

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. ☒ Claims 1-35-46 are pending in the application.

Of the above, claims \_\_\_\_\_ are withdrawn from consideration.

2. ☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ have been cancelled.

3. ☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are allowed.

4. ☒ Claims 1-35-46 are rejected.

5. ☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are objected to.

6. ☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

7. ☐ This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.

8. ☐ Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.

9. ☐ The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on \_\_\_\_\_. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are ☐ acceptable; ☐ not acceptable (see explanation or Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948).

10. ☐ The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on \_\_\_\_\_, has (have) been ☐ approved by the examiner; ☐ disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).

11. ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed \_\_\_\_\_, has been ☐ approved; ☐ disapproved (see explanation).

12. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☐ been received ☐ not been received  
☐ been filed in parent application, serial no. \_\_\_\_\_; filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

13. ☐ Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

14. ☐ Other

ACTION

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Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

I. Claims 1 and 35-46, drawn to furans, classified in Class 549, subclass 502 e.g..

II. Claim 1, drawn to thiophenes, classified in Class 549, subclass 74 e.g..

III. Claim 1, drawn to pyrroles, classified in Class 548, subclass 562 e.g.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

The different hetero systems would support separate patents.

Via the presentation of a set of claims to furans Gp. I is deemed to be constructively elected.

Claims 1 and 35-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ducharme et al, U.S. Patent 5,474,995. It discloses the instant cpds. for the same anti-inflammatory activity. Ex.11 is the same cpd. as instant claim 46. Ex.9, e.g. and the claims of the patent are drawn to the instant lactone

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embodiment which is the tautomeric equivalent of cpds. of the first structural formula of claim 1 where X is OH.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner B. Dentz at telephone number (703) 308-4544.

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